MINUTES

OF THE

FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

LIBERTY

Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

HAYSOP BAPTIST CHURCH,

October 5th and 6th, 1888.

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MINUTES.

On Friday before the 1st Sabbath in October, 1888, the ministers and delegates composing the Liberty Association met with the Haysop Church, Bibb county, Ala. Neither the appointee nor the alternate to preach the Introductory Sermon were present, consequently F. M. Hobson was appointed to preach the sermon, which he did, and took his text from the 2nd chapter and latter clause of the 12th verse of Paul's Letter to the Phillippians: "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling." After which, a recess of one hour was given to partake of dinner, which was prepared and at the church. Then the delegates re-assembled in the house, joined in singing, and prayer by the former moderator, W. G. Hubbard, who then took his seat and called the association to order, declared it partially organized and ready for business. The letters from the churches were read and names of delegates enrolled, as follows:—

Haysop—N. C. Lagrone, J. W. Hubbard, J. T. Hubbard, Daniel Kornega, Hardy Murphy.
Liberty—F. M. Hobson, J. H. Deweese, Joseph Hobson.
Mulberry—W H. Holman, A. J. Mayfield, Marion Hobson.*
Pleasant Hill—W. H. Johnson, Wm. Tingle, A. B. Coley.
South Sandy—J T. Tubb, J. R. Thompson, A. J. Langston.*
Union—E. L. Simpson, J. M. Greathouse, J. D. Holman.
Pine Flat—W. D. Latner.

Proceeded to elect a Moderator and Clerk, which resulted in the choice of W. G. Hubbard for Moderator and J. H. Deweese for Clerk.

The Constitution, Articles of Faith, and Rules of Decorum were read.

On motion, Moderator appointed the following committees:

Devotion—Daniel Kornega, J. B. Thompson, with the Deacons of Haysop Church.

Arrangement of Business—F. M. Hobson, J. M. Greathouse, J. T. Tubb, with the Clerk.

Finance—A. J. Mayfield, Wm. Tingle, J. T. Tubb.

Deceased Ministers—J. H. Deweese, W. H. Holman, J. T. Tubb.

Opened the door to receive correspondence. Daniel Lewis and Lewis Causey were received from the Harmony Association by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship.

The Devotional Committee reported that W. G. Hubbard preach at 11 o'clock to morrow.

On motion, adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Saturday morning met pursuant to adjournment. Joined in singing and prayer led by J. T. Tubb, after which the Moderator resumed his seat and proceed to business. The roll was called and absentees marked. (See table). On motion the report of the committee on arrangement of business was read, adopted committee discharged, and business taken up accordingly. It was agreed not to appoint a committee on missions at this session.

On motion adjourned 15 minutes to prepare for preaching at 11 o'clock. Rev. W. G. Hubbard preached an interesting sermon to an audience of attentive listeners, the fruits of which we trust will be seen in the great day of accounts. A recess of one hour was given to partake of dinner, after which the delegates reassembled in the house and resumed business.

Report of Committee on Sabbath Schools:

During the present associational year some of our churches have carried on Sabbath Schools, and some have probably partly attributed to us as a committee for not perseveringly discharging the duties assigned to us at our last session, and partly to our pastors, or some of them at least, for not being persistive with the members of the churches in their charge, and the balance of the lack on the members and heads of families for not taking or manifesting a proper interest in the matter, or for the children committed to their care. Brethren, there is a mighty responsibility resting on each one of us relative to the learning of our children in the nature and admonition of the Lord. The Sabbath School is a good means of bringing this about. Let us see to it the ensuing associational year that at each church within our bounds there is as good and as well an organized Sabbath School as we are capable of carrying on. The accomplishing of which will take us all acting in concert, superintendents, teachers, pastors, and members of the church, together with a good deal of earnest prayer invoking the blessing of God on the institution and our efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. Mayfield,
J. R. Thompson,
B. J. Murphy,
J. H. Deweese,
} Committee

On motion, it was agreed that the Moderator appoint a committee of three to report on Sabbath Schools at our next session. The Moderator on motion appointed the following brethren to work in the interest of Sabbath Schools within the bounds of this Association, and give them their district in which to work: J. T. Tubb, South Sandy, Liberty, Elliott's Creek and Plasant Hill churches; A. J. Mayfield, Mulberry, Spring Hill and Pine Flat churches; J. H. Deweese, Haysop and Union churches; J. W. Hubbard reported that there were no indigent ministers within his knowledge that needed assistance. Report received, and J. W. Hubbard continued on the committee.

Returned Correspondence: Tuscaloosa Association: F. M. Hobson, J. T. Tubb, J. H. Deweese; Harmony Association: G. W. Townsend, S. C. Hubbard, M. P. Champion; Mulberry Association: W. H. Holman, F. M. Hobson, Adam Fikes.

Report of Finance Committee:

Received from the Churches, - - - - -	$13 50
Balance in the Treasury, - - - - - -	5 00
Total, - - - - - - - -	$ 18 50

On motion it was agreed that the Clerk superintend the printing of 300 copies of these Minutes, and retain 50 copies for correspondence. Also that he buy an associational book and keep the balance of the money on hand for his services. And that the Clerk act as distributing agent.

Report of Committee on Deceased Ministers:

Since the last session of our Association, it has pleased Almighty God in His providence to remove from this state of existence, two of our old and venerable Ministers of the Gospel, to-wit: Benjamin Stephens and A. J. Russell—Therefore, be it unanimously resolved by this Association, that we deeply mourn and regret the loss of these two old veteran soldiers of the Cross. But we feel resigned to the will of our Heavenly Father; for we have good reasons to believe that while we have sustained a loss and been deprived of their friendly admonitions and counsels, it has been their eternal gain, and that they have entered the portals of everlasting bliss and are reaping the reward of their labor. Resolved 2nd, That the bereaved families and connections of the deceased have the deepest sympathies of this Association. Ordered that these resolutions be printed in the Minutes.

J. H. Deweese,
J. T. Tubb, } Committee.
W. H. Holman,

The next District Meeting of this Association will be held with the Pine Flat Church, Hale county, Ala., commencing on Friday, before the second Sabbath in September, 1889, W. G. Hubbard to preach the Introductory Sermon; F. M. Hobson, Alternate. Subject for discussion: "Is the buying of lottery tickets a species of gambling or not?" discussion opened by A. D. Fikes.

The next session of this Association will be held with the Mulberry Church, Bibb county, Ala., commencing on Friday, before the 1st Sabbath in October, 1889, W. G. Hubbard to preach the Commencement Sermon; F. M. Hobson, Alternate. F. M. Hobson was elected to preach at 11 o'clock Sabbath morning at the next session.

The Devotional Committee reported prayer meeting Sabbath morning at 9 o'clock, led by W. G. Holman. Preaching at 11 o'clock by F. M. Hobson, followed by W. G. Hubbard.

The Association having finished all the business before it, adjourned to meet at the time and place before written.

J. H. DEWEESE, Clerk. W. G. HUBBARD, Moderator.

The Association tenders their thanks to the brethren and sisters of Haysop Church and the citizens of the vicinity for their kind treatment during our stay among them.—CLERK.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	PASTOR'S POST-OFFICE.	COUNTY.	Baptized.	Rec. by Letter	Restored	Dismissed	Excluded.	Died.	Present No.	Previous No.	Money Sent.
Haysop	W. G. Hubbard	Scottsville	Bibb	8	2	1			1	142	131	3 00
Liberty	W. G. Hubbard	Scottsville	Bibb	12	6	2	6	1	3	68	58	1 50
Union	A. Fikes	Pondville	Bibb		3					37	34	1 50
South Sandy	F. M. Hobson	Hagler	Tuscaloosa	4	12					82	66	2 00
Pleasant Hill	J. R. Wiggins	Hogler	Bibb	16	3		6		1	73	61	1 50
Pine Flat	M. Morrison	Five Mile	Hale	2	1	1	1	1	1	49	46	1 50
Mulberry	F. M. Hobson	Hagler	Tuscaloosa	3		1	7	5		87	99	2 50
Spring Hill	Not represented											
Elliott's Creek	Not represented											